14th July 1953]

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) The following amounts were granted as cash aid to the cyclone-damaged house-owners in the three taluks referred to :—

	RS.
Alangudi	97,940
Tirumayam	660
Kolathur	64,835

This includes a sum of Rs. 2,000 granted to *each* of the taluks of Alangudi and Kolathur from the Madras State Cyclone Relief Fund.

" (b) No loan has been granted to the agriculturists who were affected by the cyclone in these three taluks to re-build their houses. But a sum of Rs. 1,20,000 was placed at the disposal of the District Agricultural Officer for grant of interest-free loans to the agriculturists for the purchase of manure and seeds. The ryots affected by the cyclone were also benefited by the grant of such loans."

House-sites for the Harijans of Valluripalli Agraharam, Tadepalligudem taluk.

* 462 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Harijans of Valluripalli Agraharam, Tadepalligudem taluk, West Godavari district, deposited with the Government an advance sum of Rs. 890 on 4th April 1943 and 14th March 1948 towards the cost of acquisition of house-sites for them;

(*b*) why the acquisition has not been taken up though 11 years have elapsed since sanction orders were issued by the Collector on 16th October 1942;

(*c*) whether money was paid back to the Harijans; and

(*d*) if the money was not paid back, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) A sum of Rs. 860 was deposited in two instalments in 1943 and 1948.

" (*b*) The acquisition was deferred for the duration of the war and is being taken up this year under the five-year programme of acquisition followed in the district.

" (*c*) & (*d*) No. Though the Harijans were told in 1943 that acquisition was deferred for the duration of the war and they might apply for refund, they did not do so. The acquisition proposals are pending, and would be pushed through this year."